

### **ABSTRACT**

A method is provided for fixedly joining a cloth, a cloth-like fabric or a synthetic  
5 mesh to a filter plate using a flanged cloth connector ring. The flanged cloth connector ring is  
attached to the filter cloth around the feed port of the cloth and inserted into a receiving  
channel in the filter plate. A locking ring or a distribution ring may be inserted into the  
channel adjacent to the connector ring to retain the connector ring and attached filter cloth in  
place. Filter cloths may be individually and independently attached to each side of a filter  
10 plate using a cloth connector ring.